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A KINGSTON man has described seeing fellow fans charged by Russian football hooligans at Marseille's Stade Velodrome at Euro 2016 on Saturday and being forced to clamber over barriers to escape.

Sam Blackwell, 34, flew to France on Friday with two friends to watch England face Russia in their opening match of the European Championships.

But the occasion was marred by violence between supporters leading up to the game, which culminated in Russian fans seemingly rushing at England supporters in one stand at full-time.

Mr Blackwell, of Wood Street, said: "There was nowhere to run away to. There were probably about 70 rows, I was in row 60.

"People were just climbing over the barriers into the tunnel, that was the only way out they could find.

"I saw a lot of stuff flying backwards and forwards. There were people who had taken their T-shirts off and wrapped it over their face so you couldn't see them.

"There was a few England fans who tried to stand their ground and didn't stand a chance.

"I can't imagine what it must have been like for the people down below, it must have been a nightmare."

Ten people were arrested following three days of fan clashes in Marseille, with six of those British and none Russian.

One England fan, named on Monday as 51-year-old Andrew Bache, was in an induced coma after reportedly being hit several times with an iron bar.

Mr Blackwell flew home the day after the match, which ended in a 1-1 draw, and said the clashes "ruined" the experience, having spent between £500 and £550 to journey to the southern seaport.

He added: "We knew [there would be trouble] in the lead-up to the game, but we didn't think anything would be happening in the stadium.

"It meant we really couldn't enjoy Marseilles, that ruined the



Footie fan Sam Blackwell went to see England in Marseille. He witnessed fans fleeing for their lives

FROM RUSSIA WITH HATE



Horror show: Sam Blackwell and friends, inset, watched fellow fans flee to avoid Russian football hooligans at Marseille's Stade Velodrome last weekend

whole thing. If that wouldn't have happened at the end it would have been a great day."

The violence, which was captured on TV cameras around the ground led UEFA to issue a warning to England and give Russian football federation a suspended disqualification from the tournament - which could lead to full disqualification.

Security has been significantly heightened for the tournament, with France still on high alert following the terror attacks in Paris last year.



England manager Roy Hodgson and team captain Wayne Rooney issued an appeal for calm among supporters ahead of the match against Wales this afternoon.

Mr Blackwell said: "The talk before the tournament was the threat of Isis but now it's just the threat of fans.

"A lot of people are just blaming the English, they are saying it's what we deserve and stuff like that. In the ground itself there was no provocation - some fans in the stadium were just kids. It's frustrating to read all the reports."

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Food happy and glorious food!

Neighbours joined in the Queen's birthday celebrations by hosting street parties across the borough, tucking into delicious homemade cakes

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WE may not have had the Red Arrows, but Kingston residents were out in force at weekend street parties to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Maureen Clyne, 76, from Pine Walk, Berrylands, said the party she organised with three neighbours was "absolutely fantastic" and "exceeded our wildest dreams".

On offer were a tug-of-war competition, a game of guessing how many sweets were in a jar plus the chance to pin the tail on a corgi.

Mrs Clyne added: "People mixed and got to know each other who didn't know each other. Everybody participated in cleaning up at the end."

Jo Hawkins, of BRaG, said a party held for residents of Burton Road, Richmond Park Road and Gibbon Road in Kingston saw about 1,000 people turn out for competitions, street football and music.



Fun times (clockwise from top left): Street parties were held by residents association BRaG in Burton Road, Richmond Park Road and Gibbon Road; Maud Wright celebrated in Berrylands; A crown-themed birthday cake; Jiving in the street, Manor Drive; A street party in Durlston Road; Bake-off in Blagdon Road, New Malden

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No jail for abuser

A MAN who punched his pregnant partner in the stomach and later struck her in the face as she was breastfeeding the child has escaped an immediate jail sentence.

Grant Johnson, 22, attacked his partner in a number of violent assaults over two years, police said.

Alongside the assaults, Johnson also damaged his victim's car, mobile phone and hair straighteners.

DC Duncan Askew, from Kingston CID, said: "I would like to praise the bravery and courage of the victim."

"I hope that this sentence goes to show anyone suffering domestic violence that when you report the matter to the police, we will treat you with the upmost respect and do all in our power to bring the offender to justice".

Johnson, of Ripon Gardens, Chessington, was sentenced to 26 weeks in prison, suspended for 18 months. He was also ordered to pay £500 compensation and given an indefinite restraining order at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court last Tuesday.

He must pay £620 in costs and an £80 victim surcharge. Johnson was found guilty of five counts of common assault on May 11. He admitted three counts of criminal damage last November.

Duo seize dinghy and paddle out to rescue the victim who fell from bridge

Nightclub managers help to save woman from Thames

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TWO nightclub managers commandeered a dinghy to save a woman who fell from Kingston Bridge into the Thames.

Mark Byford and Luis Beer, who both work at the Viper Rooms, were made aware of a woman on the wrong side of the bridge's guard rails at 1.30am on Sunday, June 5, by customers and staff in the club's smoking area, which overlooks the river.

After radioing for help, the pair slowly approached the woman.

But when the police arrived she jumped into the Thames, Mr Byford said.

Mr Beer and trained life-guard Mr Byford ran after the woman on the Hampton Wick side of the river for about 15 minutes, throwing ropes to her.

But when she would not grab them the pair seized a dinghy from a neighbouring houseboat and paddled out to



Rescue: Luis Beer and Mark Byford on Kingston Bridge

rescue her.

Mr Byford, 44, said: "I was going to just tie a rope around my waist and jump in after her, but when we saw the boat that seemed like a better idea."

"We were told we weren't allowed in it without lifejackets on, but we just thought, 'This girl is going to drown,' and got on with it."

"We paddled out and I grabbed her. She was fight-

ing me all the way. We got her back over to the Kingston side of the river and that is when the RNLI turned up."

A witness in a flat overlooking the river said they saw at least three fire engines, six ambulances, a police van and a lifeboat crew while the pair were executing their daring rescue.

This is not the first time the Mr Byford and Mr Beer have saved people who have fallen

or jumped into the Thames from Kingston Bridge.

Mr Beer, 27, was even handed an outstanding contribution to the community award last year after saving another woman in 2014.

Former Beverley School pupil Mr Byford said: "When she was fighting us I was just shouting, 'It can't be that bad'."

"I would really like to see this woman again when she is well, I hope she will get in touch."

A police spokesman confirmed the woman, thought to be in her early 20s, is now receiving hospital care.

He said: "Without the actions of the Viper Rooms staff it's clear to us that this incident could have ended differently."

If you are experiencing problems with your mental health, visit your GP.

Samaritans lends a confidential ear to those in distress; call 116 123.

Mind promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems; call 03001 233 393.

CHARITY WALK: Parents can take a scenic walk and raise money for prematurely born babies. The Buggyfit Born Too Soon Walk from Kingston Bridge to Hampton Court Palace gardens will take place on July 1 and finish with a picnic in the grounds. Last year the walk raised more than £8,500 and provided vital equipment for the ante-natal unit. To take part costs £5. For further information email borntoosoonwalk2016@outlook.com.

NEW STORE: Budget home-ware store Wilko is set to open a store in New Malden. The renowned retailer confirmed on social media its plan to open a store in New Malden High Street at some point in autumn this year, though no exact date has been set.

SNAPPING AWAY: Some of the best photos Kingstonsians have taken over the last year are on display in All Saints Church. The free exhibition runs until June 19 everyday between 10am and 4pm, and showcases the work of Kingston Camera Club.

CAR FIRE: A Surbiton road was closed after a car caught fire. Firefighters were first called at about 4.30pm last Monday after a car carrying a woman and a child caught fire in Surbiton Hill Road. One fire crew attended and the flames were quickly put out. The road was closed for about 20 minutes and both the woman and the child left the car safely.

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Trio's 45-mile kayak trek down the Thames to back Cancer Research



Kayak challenge: Tim Cosford, Oli Jackman and Matt Fullick

THREE Chessington friends kayaked 45 miles along the Thames in one day, despite having only taken up the oars three months ago.

Tim Cosford, Oli Jackman and Matt Fullick, all 34, decided while in the pub in February to raise money for the charity Cancer Research.

They completed the journey from Henley to the Hart's Boatyard in 13 hours on Saturday, May 28. Visit justgiving.com/fundraising/t-cosford

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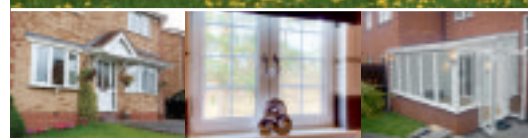
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Flats scheme to replace clinic

A DISUSED Surbiton medical centre is to be demolished and replaced with 41 flats after plans were approved.

An application to build two four-storey blocks of flats at the former Oakhill Health Centre site, none of which will be considered affordable, was presented to councillors at Guildhall last Wednesday.

Presenting the plans, agent Robin Harper said: "Personally, it's one of the best schemes I've brought forward to a planning committee for many years."

"We believe, and the officers agree, that the impact has been minimised in terms of lighting. In terms

of privacy there will be no impact."

The proposals include the provision of 13 car parking spaces, four of which are disabled spots, and 72 cycle spaces.

Objecting to the plans, Tim Thurston, of neighbouring Oak Hill Court, said: "Our suggestion is the building closest to Oak Hill Court is only two or a maximum of three storeys high."

"The creation of such a high building so close to the border is too imposing on the privacy of Oak Hill Court."

Councillors praised the design of the building for being in keeping with the Victorian character of the area.

Toilet, nappies and mattresses among the rubbish dumped

Shop owners' fury at flytippers' ugly return



What a mess: Some of the flytipped rubbish in Broad Oaks

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A SPATE of fly tipping behind shops on Tolworth Broadway has led to renewed calls by business owners for Kingston Council to clamp down.

Soiled nappies, mouldy mattresses, and bags of rubbish were dumped in Broad Oaks, private land owned by numerous businesses on the Broadway.

Shop owners say fly tipping has been a problem for the last three years and has built up again just weeks after residents carried out a major clean-up.

Mustafa Resa, owner of State Express Dry Cleaning, said: "People just can't be bothered to pick it up. We've talked to the

council so many times but they don't want to do anything because it's private land.

"Every shop is responsible – my spot is spotless because I clean it all the time."

But Tolworth councillor Thay Thayan said: "We've been working for the last three years to try and do something about it and we do an annual clean up."

"It's frustrating for residents as well, but because it's a private access road the council can't do much."

"We're trying to do as much as possible but at the end of the day it's the responsibility of the business owners."

Sam Ali, a worker at Pizzetta of Broadway, said: "Sometimes people leave it there and it stops the traffic and you can't get out."

"It's very hard for us and our

drivers, sometimes you have to wait 10 to 15 minutes just to get out. It looks messy and there is too much. It's kind of a dump out there now."

One business owner, who did not want to be named, said: "It's horrible around there. It's just mess and it's not nice to be working around. They had a big clean up but it's just come back."

Radio Jackie, which runs its station from the Broadway, visited Broad Oaks last Thursday and found a disused toilet, soiled mattresses and a fridge.

The station said the road has become a "notorious dumping ground for fly tippers who believe they can get rid of their waste".

A sign in the road reads that fly tipping is punishable by a maximum fine of £2,500.

Trees replacement again



'Dying': The trees are not the picture of health

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DYING trees in Tolworth Broadway are to be replaced a second time – nearly three years after they first went in.

The cypress trees have been a part of the Tolworth greenway since it opened in 2013 but will be replaced by Himalayan birch trees in October. Councillors

have fielded regular complaints about the trees, which have been replaced once already.

Posting on Facebook, the Conservative group said: "The tall, skinny trees were never a big favourite of residents and seemed to be permanently in the process of dying."

Kingston gets rates control

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has announced that Kingston Council will be one of the first to have control of its own business rates, paving way for the administration to retain 100 per cent of taxes.

Mr Osborne said that London boroughs will take control of business rates as early as April 2017 when questioned by Kingston MP James Berry.

Mr Berry said: "Allowing local areas to shape their own future will be of a real benefit to my constituents in Kingston, who pay some of the highest council taxes in the country and receive one of the lowest government grants in return. It is the only realistic way in which Kingston's historically unfair tax deal will be ironed out."

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Petition: Cameras

Petition for cameras

KINGSTON and Surbiton MP James Berry is calling on Kingston Council and the Mayor of London to install automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras along the A3.

Burglars who target homes in Surbiton and New Malden are able to escape along the A3, he said. He added: "It is fantastic that Kingston has the lowest crime rate in London, but the police need our help. Burglars are targeting Kingston because they know that the A3 is not covered by ANPR cameras."

Sign a petition at jamesberrymp.com/ANPR-petition

Health centre is set to close which may leave 4,000 people without GPs 'Real blow' as patients are forced to find new surgery

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MORE than 4,000 south of the borough residents may have to find a new GP surgery in what has been described as a 'real blow for patients'.

Hook-based Gosbury Hill Health Centre, which opened in 2010, will close on September 30 this year and its 1,662 registered patients will have to find an alternative GP.

The future of Grays Medical Practice, that runs from the same building in Orchard Gardens and is owned by the same provider, is uncertain after contract holders GP Partners confirmed they would also be leaving in September.

The surgery's 2,535 patients will have to find another GP if a new team of doctors cannot be found.

Kingston and Surbiton MP James Berry said he was concerned that dispersing the



For the chop: Inside the Gosbury Hill clinic

surgery's patients will put pressure on appointments at the three other practices in Chessington and Hook – Orchard Hill and the two at Merritt Medical Centre.

He said: "This is a real blow for patients. The doctors who run the surgery are not continuing with the contract, and we can't do anything about that."

bury Hill patients from Kingston CCG stated that practices with fewer than 6,000 patients were deemed 'not financially viable' by prospective providers.

The appointment based walk-in service that runs out of Gosbury Hill will move to Surbiton Health Centre with decreased opening hours.

The move was part of an extensive and criticised consultation last year.

Kingston Carers ambassador and Surbiton Health Centre patient Anne Blanche said: "Those who do know about the walk-in are confused that an appointment is necessary."

"This is not a proper consultation. So many questions have been missed out."

Dr Naz Jivani, chairman of Kingston CCG's governing body, said: "Continuity of care for our patients is paramount."

"We are ensuring that patients are fully supported in their transition to GP practices."

Khan has 'broken' a key pledge

LONDON Mayor Sadiq Khan has been accused of breaking a key election pledge.

Mr Khan, elected last month, admitted that his fare freeze would not cover travel cards or impact contactless caps, saying that such fares were not under his control.

The promise was a key part of the former Tooting MP's manifesto, having promised not to raise fares before 2020. The four-year freeze will cover single journeys made on the Tube, buses, London Overground, Transport for London Rail, and trams.

The freeze, estimated to cost about £640m, has been funded by numerous cut-backs within TfL, including a major revamp of the company's IT services and cutting 'expensive agency staff'.

Mr Khan, said: "My fares freeze on TfL services will make life easier for millions of people and will ensure that London becomes a more affordable city for all."

"To deliver this I am working on a root-and-branch savings and efficiencies review of TfL, cutting duplication and waste while continuing to improve the transport network for everyone."

"We went to the cemetery and the first grave was one of our soldiers. It broke me up."

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RACHAEL BURFORD speaks to woman who started fire that gutted flats

‘Devastated’ woman is sorry to those she made homeless

THE woman responsible for a devastating fire in a Kingston tower block that left 100 people homeless has spoken out about the mental illness that caused her to start the inferno, and the guilt she has felt ever since.

Kristie Byrne set fire to a dictionary on the balcony of her Madingley tower flat on July 12, 2010.

The fire quickly spread through the upper floors of the 15-storey Cambridge Road estate block, forcing hundreds of residents to flee for their lives.

Then 32-years-old, she was sentenced to an indefinite hospital order after she admitted arson due to recklessness.

Ms Byrne now knows she was suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and tactile hallucinations when she started the fire.

She is now a peer support worker in the medium-security ward at Springfield Hospital, Tooting, and lectures student nurses at Kingston University about mental ill-

ness. She said: “I was literally tasting and smelling and hearing things. Between 2002 and 2006 I had these tactile hallucinations where I could actually feel people touching and torturing me.

“The after-effect of that was a post-traumatic stress issue, which I never got help for. I had these visions and in them I was being tortured for not knowing certain words, so I was looking through the dictionary. I just got really frustrated, and took the dictionary out on the balcony [and burned it].”

No one was seriously injured in the fire, but 100 people were displaced and many more had their possessions destroyed.

Ms Byrne, now 38, has chosen to speak out about her illness to encourage others to seek help if they find themselves in a similar position.

She said: “I never got any

help. In a way I stigmatised myself. I didn’t know what was happening to me.

“When I think now about what happened and what I did, I am devastated. I really am truly and sincerely sorry to all the people that I affected.”

Ms Byrne spent more than two years in hospital after her sentencing in November 2010, and has now been off her medication for eight months. She said: “I still hear

voices sometimes, but now I am educated enough to know not to listen to them. I am working as a peer support worker in Tooting, and with Sound Minds and the Hearing Voices Network – a Lon-

don-wide project to increase the quality and quantity of peer support groups for adults who hear voices or see visions – because I understand where these people are coming from.”

South West London and St George’s Mental Health Trust (SWLSTG) admitted in a 2012 report that “clear indications of organisational and/or procedural failings were identified” in Ms Byrne’s case.

Neighbours claimed they had warned Kingston Council and SWLSTG about her deteriorating mental state before the fire.

Ms Byrne said: “Community mental health teams are underfunded, but mental health education also needs to be part of the package.

“Once someone knows what they are going through, they can deal with it better. In schools there need to be modules about mental health.”

Kingston University, where Ms Byrne has been guest lecturing to hundreds of student nurses, is becoming a specialist centre for



Apology: Kristie Byrne, left

Ablaze: The fire in the Cambridge Road estate

mental illness.

Dr Julia Gale, head of the school of nursing at Kingston University and St George’s University, London, said: “The focus of mental health nursing is on the individual person and their recovery. We train future mental health nurses to challenge out-of-date views regarding mental illness and to help service users cope with the stigma that is still present in today’s society.”

For the moment Ms Byrne is focusing on her peer support work and lecturing, but

hopes to train as an independent mental health advocate in the near future.

She said: “For want of a better word, I want to ‘normalise’ these issues because, man, woman, rich or poor, no one is immune to mental health problems.”

For a list of hearing voices support groups visit hearing-voices.org. Samaritans lends a confidential ear to those in distress; call 116 123. Mind promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems; call 03001 233 393.



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Now open: Dame Jacqueline Wilson and head teacher Julie Ritchie with Sade Hunt, Sahana Banerjee, Milla Maritz and Amelie Bannister

Dame Jacqueline's library

A FAMOUS children's author has had a library named in her honour at the Kingston school she attended during the 1950s.

Dame Jacqueline Wilson, who is best known as the author of the *Tracy Beaker* series, visited Latchmere School on Tuesday for the opening of the Jacqueline

Wilson Library, and also held a question and answer session with pupils.

As a nine-year-old pupil Dame Jacqueline wrote a book called *Meet the Maggots*, and also earned the nickname Jackie Daydream thanks to the imaginative stories that she would dream up in class.

Zoleka's own heartbreak encouraged visit to school in mourning for pupil

Mandela's granddaughter backs road safety initiative

REPORTER

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NELSON Mandela's granddaughter visited a New Malden school to talk to pupils about road safety, six months after a 14-year-old pupil was hit and killed by a lorry.

Zoleka Mandela, whose own daughter was killed in a car accident in her native South Africa, visited Coombe Girls' School last Tuesday, where she spoke to pupils about her own "heart-breaking" ordeal and her battle to make sure "not one child" dies on the roads.

Coombe Girls pupil Lavna Chuttoo, 14, was walking to school with friends last November when she died after being struck by a lorry, while crossing Lime Grove at the junction with Coombe Road.

Speaking to pupils, Ms Mandela said: "I'm so sorry from the bottom of my heart, I want you to know that the pain you are going through



Visit: Zoleka Mandela on a bench dedicated to Lavna Chuttoo

is not yours alone.

"I've been very lucky to have been taught by my grandparents that whatever you do in life needs to be for the betterment of other people.

"Celebrate her memory by the campaign work you can do."

Ms Mandela, whose late grandfather Nelson served as the first black president

of South Africa and dismantled the legacy of apartheid, was visiting as an ambassador for the FIA Foundation, a charity promoting road safety worldwide.

Her daughter Zenani was killed in a car accident while on the way home from a pre-FIFA World Cup concert in Johannesburg in June 2010 – just days after celebrating her 13th birthday.

Ms Mandela has been campaigning for improved road safety ever since.

After seeing a bench installed in Lavna's memory in the school's garden, she told the *Comet*: "It really breaks my heart.

"I'm looking at this bench and thinking my daughter's school did the same thing. It's just a reminder of how much more work we need to do.

"It's just been great to do something that will help remember her: I have [my grandparents] to thank for the voice that I have and the opportunity I have – I'm maximising it."

The FIA Foundation has launched the Make Roads Safe campaign as part of push to include road safety as a priority for the new United Nations development goals.

Saul Billingsley, director of the FIA Foundation, said: "It's important because 500 hundred children are getting killed every day around the world."



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Inquest: Kingston Hospital

A PARKINSONS sufferer who contracted an antibiotic-resistant "superbug" died having not been seen by a specialist doctor for more than 24 hours after he arrived in Kingston Hospital accident and emergency – on a day when some nurses were looking after three times more patients than they should have been.

Charles Gallagher died of mass organ failure caused by overwhelming septicaemia on June 3 last year.

South-west London coroner Chinyere Inyama concluded that there were "missed opportunities" by hospital staff that likely "contributed to his death".

The 83-year-old walked into Kingston's A&E on June 1 at about 2pm with a blocked catheter. Junior staff nurse Aideen O'Connor said: "There was no room. It was just so busy. I really needed to get him recatheterised. Ideally he would have been in majors [the area for immediate treatment] straight away."

there were no notes about why he had waited for so long or why he was not properly admitted.

In AAU it was discovered Mr Gallagher had a drug-resistant infection caused by E-coli bacteria, with which he had been diagnosed three months earlier.

After almost 24 hours in the hospital without seeing a specialist doctor, Mr Gallagher was moved into a side room away from other patients, at 12pm.

The nurse tasked with looking after the side room said she did not notice Mr Gallagher until at least 2.30pm because she was not told he was there. His blood pressure and oxygen levels were not taken for about 13 hours.

By the time observations were done Mr Gallagher had extremely low blood pressure and was severely unwell. He died of mass organ failure on June 3.

Jane Wilson, medical director at Kingston Hospital, said: "We recognise that we failed to provide Mr Gallagher with the care he needed. More work needs to be done by the hospital to ensure we do everything we can to make sure handover processes are more robust."



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Tireless campaigner Diane saved Alfriston from closure

'It's in my heart,' says retiring centre boss

REPORTER

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THE woman who played a central role in saving Alfriston day centre from closure, with a helping hand from *Kingston Guardian* sister paper the *Surrey Comet*, has stepped down after 18 years on the team.

Manager Diane Double, 66, organised a protest outside Guildhall, played a pantomime cow and even dressed as a member of Abba during her tenure at the Surbiton centre.

Alfriston almost closed in the 1990s during a funding crisis but Mrs Double, alongside then-*Surrey Comet* editor Sean Duggan, campaigned to keep it open and claimed victory when Kaleidoscope's Martin Blakeborough rode to the rescue.

Mr Blakeborough said last Friday: "Di has meant an awful lot to us and has been absolutely phenomenal in keeping Alfriston going. I saw what a fantastic place it was, and is. It was a vibrant community of people helping each other. It was a place



Send-off: Martin Blakeborough, Diane Double, Cllr Geoff and Sheila Austin, and Rev Ken Walker, of John Bunyan Church

that felt like a home in the best possible sense. If it wasn't for Di and her tenacity, her passion and her love of this centre, this place wouldn't be around."

Mrs Double, a county-level bowler and former Metropolitan Police officer, said: "I've enjoyed every minute here. The 18 years have gone by like nobody's business. I will remain a part of the

place. It's in my heart. I could never walk away.

"I'd seen an ad for a manager back in 1996 in the newspaper but I was going on holiday the next day. I thought, 'I've not got time to apply for that'. I couldn't go to sleep. At 1am I put my application in. When I got back from holiday I had an interview.

"I've always had a fantastic staff and volunteer team, along with strong support from Kaleidoscope and the people from social services at the council.

"I think my favourite memory is when I first walked in here after my interview and just felt a sense of belonging, that it was right to be here."

Lisa Blackman, who will take over as manager, said: "In six years I've gone from student to manager and I couldn't have done it without her. She's got this motto: 'I can and I will'. She's spent six years convincing me that I can and I will."

Mr Duggan said: "Diane has shown great commitment to the day centre and the lovely people it serves. I am sure they will miss her greatly, and wish her every happiness in retirement."

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But she was determined to have a good time and decided to splash out on a new outfit for the day and a cocktail dress for the evening. However, she was still unsure what shoes she could wear for style and comfort. "I decided to visit Foot Solutions – and I'm so glad I did!" adds Jane.

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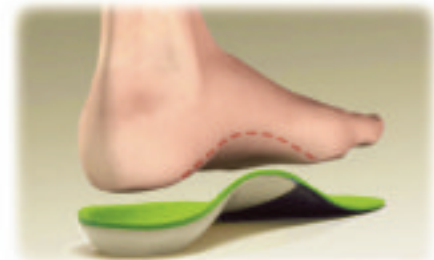
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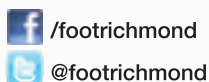
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AFC Wimbledon and Chelsea exchange contracts on Kingsmeadow stadium sale, as Kingstonian search for new home

Following the news today that the new mayor is, already, going to miss his housing target I can't see any reason why he will object to a scheme with 600-plus properties on it. So where to now for Kingstonian and what is the future for K&P Athletics and the privately run, but council owned, gym and football facilities? Please somebody get in touch with the owner of the former BBC sports ground and get it back into use as a sports facility. Perfect location for Ks and K&P.

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Acting early

NOT enough is being done to ensure that babies and young children in care grow up in positive, nurturing settings.

At present, mental health services for babies and infants in care are virtually non-existent.

In a new report, Case for Change, the NSPCC says the impact of infant mental health has been vastly underestimated across the wider care system.

Children in care are four times more likely than their peers to experience mental health problems and behavioural issues in later life.

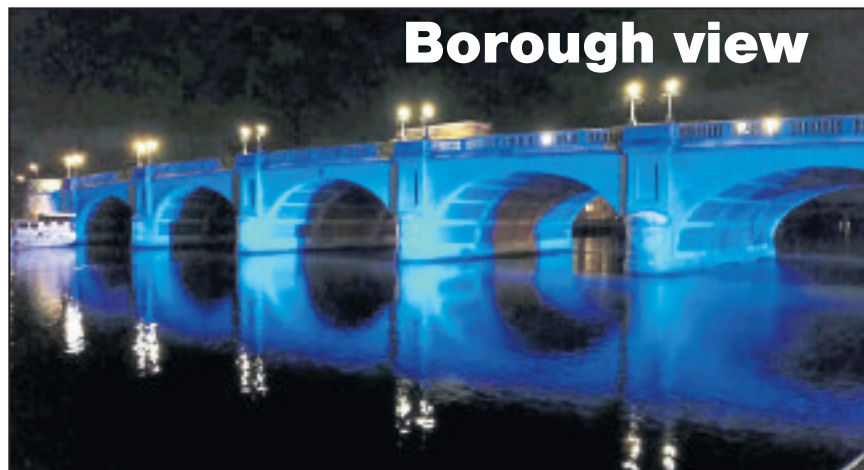
Through the formation of secure and stable relationships with their parents and caregivers, children are more likely to grow up not experiencing serious mental health difficulties.

But 20 per cent of children in care in England are under five years old. And between 2010-11 and 2015-16, there was a 31 per cent fall in spending by local authorities on early intervention services for children and young people.

There is hope of recovery for infants and young children in care. But it needs to happen during infancy when a baby's brain is developing at a rapid rate.

Acting early can have significant benefits to future life outcomes. Yet public money is mostly spent on 'late intervention', rather than preventing problems occurring in the first place.

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Why then does the Prime Minister and the 'Remain' campaign say we would face restrictions if we left the EU? We didn't in 1955 and we will not in 2017.

In 1964, my future mother-in-law bought a holiday flat on the Costa Blanca when neither the UK nor Spain were members of the European Community.

The necessary legal process was simple and did not differ from the requirements for Spanish citizens.

Hundreds of thousands have done likewise and many live permanently on the Mediterranean coast in their retirement years, much to the

benefit of the poorer regions of Spain.

Encouraging tourism was the Spanish government's policy as far back as the Franco regime in the fifties and sixties.

Why do the 'Remain' campaign suggest that thousands would be expelled if we leave the EU?

If that happened it would be economic suicide for all those regions of Spain which rely on 20 million-plus Brits who visit Spain each year; as well as for parts of France, Italy, Greece and other countries in Europe.

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THE case for a Remain vote is overwhelming. For me it comes down to peace, prosperity and people.

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weaken or undermine that?

Peace makes prosperity possible. Three million British jobs are linked to us being in Europe. Leaving would put access to the single market and many of those jobs at risk. Every single reputable economic body at home and internationally says we are better off in Europe.

As people of a country in Europe we enjoy shared

problems being solved. Look how much cleaner our beaches, seas and air are thanks to action across Europe. There is more to do on this.

I work in the criminal justice system. Every day, I see the benefits of us being in as suspects are brought back to our courts. Evidence and information is shared.

The Leave campaign has admitted its '£350 million a

week' claim is bogus.

The net cost works out at 26p per day, per person. If being in gives one of my neighbours a job, brings one business here, or shortens a conflict anywhere in the world my 26p is very well spent.

For our young people and future generations I hope we vote to remain in Europe.

ANTHONY HOOK
 Via email

Slow down, relax, and mow your lawn to regain control

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

Thanks to reader Ross Hemingway for his 5 thoughts of the week.

1. What's your hurry?

20mph areas lengthen the average car journey by just 30 seconds. They also create safer, calmer less threatening streets – particularly for more vulnerable people such as children, the visually impaired and the elderly. And with proper investment in a fully integrated public transport system, our roads would soon be less congested and polluted. A 'retrograde' step? Anything but.

2. I've been thinking about my grandparents

5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

who died within three weeks of each other.

My nan had dementia. For a decade my grandad was her full time carer, until his body finally failed him. I guess my Nan couldn't live without him. What kind of society have we created when bankers are bailed out while our pensioners are forced to provide 50 hours of unpaid care a week?

3. The sun shone last Sunday and the scent of freshly cut grass soon followed.

It got me thinking about 'the lawnmower theory'.

I'd read that on the day after the 9/11 attacks lawnmower sales in the US rose dramatically. The reason? Control. For some that meant and mowing the lawn.

4. London is nothing without its green spaces, providing a breathing space for people, habitat for wildlife and a resource for local treasures.

They are vital to our wellbeing. The answer to London's housing problem is not building on

them. There are brownfield sites for building on. It's like saying we should convert classrooms into bedsits or hospital wards into luxury apartments.

5. I live under a helicopter flight path.

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THIS WEEK'S REASONS TO GO OUT

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COMEDY – **Gits and Shiggles Comedy at the Half Moon, Putney, on Tuesday (June 21)**: Skins actor and Live in Chelsea presenter Joel Dommett and one-to-watch Elliott Steel will perform previews of the upcoming Edinburgh Fringe shows. Tickets cost £7 in advance or £10 on the door. Go to halfmoon.co.uk

MUSIC – **Reggae Culturefest 2016 at The Grand, Battersea,**

on Sunday: Rescheduled from March, the reggae festival features hitmaker Luciano, X Factor finalist Misha B and Jah Bouks. Tickets cost from £27.50. Go to thelondongrand.com

THEATRE – **Tribute Acts at Back Door at the Secombe on Friday**: A darkly comic and boldly honest show about father-daughter relationships and why our heroes let us

down that was a hit at the Edinburgh festival. Tickets cost £10. Go to suttontheatres.co.uk

FAMILY – **James and the Giant Peach at Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, until August 14**: Roald Dahl's classic tale about a boy who travels to New York in a peach with a bunch of insects is adapted for the stage for five to 11-year-olds. Tickets cost £15/£10. Go to polkatheatre.com

What's on

Comedian Milton Jones talks to JIM PALMER ahead of appearances at some of the capital's best festivals.

Having dozens of the best stand-ups on stage in one venue is great news for comedy fans and, let's face it, it is an attractive proposition for the comics too.

South London pun-master Milton Jones is looking forward to the festival atmosphere at both Balham Comedy Festival and Greenwich Comedy Festival.

He told us: "Usually there is a chilled out atmosphere at Balham. Certainly at Greenwich there will be a bar with cider and it tends to not be too rough as there is quite often another tent and things happening. I wouldn't say it is a family atmosphere, but it is a chilled atmosphere. People are up for a pleasant evening.

"Obviously festivals like Reading and Leeds are a different kettle of fish because it is all kids and throwing cups of wee at the stage."

A comedian's life is often more lonely hours on the road and in hotel rooms than on the stage so it is no doubt a welcome change to play a gig not only close to home but in the company of peers.

Jones, who grew up in Kew, said: "On tour I talk to thousands of people but not until the next night do I talk to more thousands of people, and quite often not many in between."

As well as catching up with colleagues, it is also a chance for the 52-year-old Mock the Week regular to assess the state of the comedy landscape. He said: "You have to keep abreast of what people are talking about and what's an old idea and what's a new idea and what crowds are reacting to. I have seen people take two, three, ten years off and it is hard to come back.

"Although comedy appears to be the same, it is constantly dating. What is funny ten years ago isn't so funny anymore.

"It is by keeping abreast of what other people are doing that you keep a subconscious marker on where the edge is. It's important to do that."

That extends to staying in touch with the fellow one-liner comedians that he is frequently compared to. He said: "Hopefully I am seeing Tim Vine tomorrow. He's another person I get compared to a lot. We'll just have a laugh.

"Us one-liner comics keep an eye out for each other: A, for whose lifting our jokes and also keeping an eye on what the other person is doing. I won't go down that route if you're going down

that route. I do the same with Stewart Francis and I keep in touch with Gary Delaney as well.

"People always assume we're enemies for some reason, I don't know why. Our minds think in similar ways I guess."

Jones' point A, is a pertinent one for comedians famed for their one-line gags, as he says, 'no-one really copies a story'. He is one of several high profile comedians whose funny lines have reportedly been pilfered.

He said: "Certainly when you are starting off and someone more famous nicks your joke, that is terrible because everybody always assumes that the famous person made it up."

"There are two types of theft: nicking it word for word but there is also driving the car into the garage, taking the serial numbers off and giving it a respray. Taking the idea of a joke and making it your own. That is harder to track down but within the business we all know who does it."

In the 20 years since he won the best newcomer Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Fringe, Jones - with his wild hair, loud shirts and surreal yet deadpan style - has perfected his craft.

He said: "I have a better instinct for what will work and what won't. My hit rate is better but it is still hard work."

And yet, with regular appearances on both TV and radio, he's also producing more than ever.

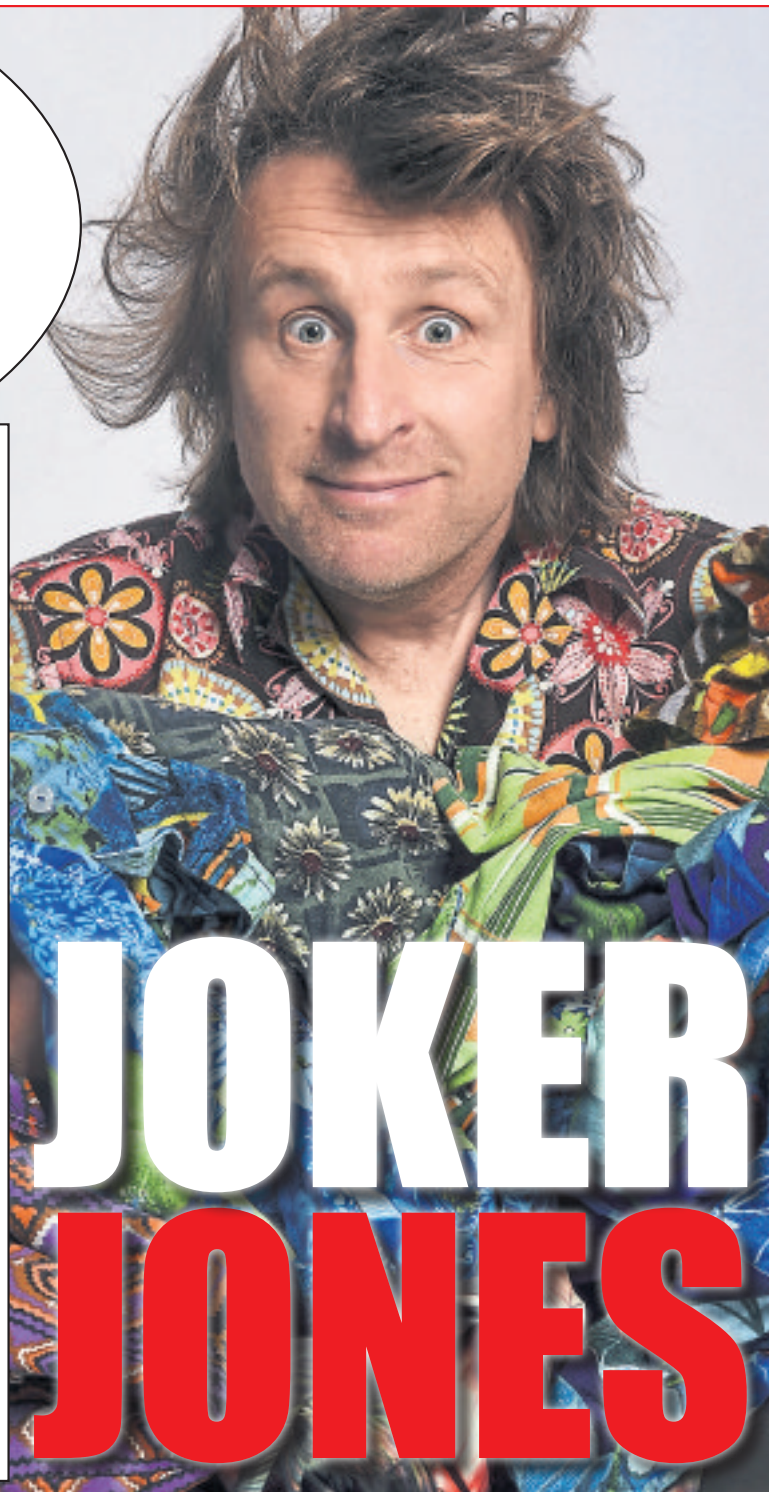
He said: "Having done more television recently in the last five years or so, I have had to triple my output. Television eats it up."

His presence on television has also made Jones recognisable on the street, albeit less so when he is not in his stage get-up.

"I was in the chemist not so long ago and there was a film actor in there and he looked at me and I looked at him and I thought 'oh he's recognised me from the telly'."

"He came towards me and I thought we were going to have a nice media chat and he said 'do you sell hand soap?'"

Milton Jones plays Balham Comedy Festival (balhamcomedyfestival.com) which is at The Bedford from July 8 to 16, and Greenwich Comedy Festival (greenwichcomedyfestival.co.uk) which is at the National Maritime Museum from July 26 to 31.



IVYHITS VILLAGE

A touch of the West End has arrived in Wimbledon Village.

The world-famous Ivy opened the doors to its new The Ivy Café on the site of the old Barclays Bank on the High Street on Wednesday, June 1.

The 120-seat café's design is consistent with its sister venue in Marylebone and focusses on 'all-day dining for those living, working and shopping in the area' with a menu offering breakfast, elevenses, lunch, light snacks, afternoon tea, cocktails, weekend brunch and dinner.

Martin Brudnizki Design Studio consulted on the restaurant's interior, which includes an antique bar pewter bar, pendant lighting, a marble floor and caramel and burnt-orange soft furnishings. A garden terrace is hidden away at the back of the restaurant on the ground floor.

For further information visit theivycafewimbledon.com.



PEACH OF A SHOW

It may be 400 years since the death of Shakespeare and Cervantes and 200 since the birth of Charlotte Brontë but ask any nine-year-old and they will tell you Roald Dahl is the best by far.

"He is full of little impish thoughts and wickedry inside him, so that plays well for a child audience," said Roman Stefanski, who is directing James and the Giant Peach at Polka Theatre.

"The story follows the child and the adventure, whether outlandishly or sensibly, things sort themselves out.

"With Quentin Blake's illustrations, they are wonderfully

whacky. There is such life in them in that scribbly way and it really brings up fantastic pictures in your head. I think that is part of the success."

A century after the great author's death, Polka is staging an adaptation of the great author's 1961 novel about an orphaned boy who travels to New York in a soft fruit with a band of bugs.

Roman was first approached about bringing it to the stage 30 years ago.

"Originally I said 'this is a West End show', it's spectacular. That scared me."

But he was persuaded a decade ago and enjoyed it so

much he was keen to return to the show, which was adapted by writer David Wood, whose production The Go-Between is currently in the West End.

Roman said: "He is so skilled at staging shows. He used to be a producer. The way he has written the show is a good story. It is very child-friendly, it is very user-friendly and it is quite faithful to the book."

Clearly one of the biggest challenges of the production was bringing the ever-expanding peach to life. Roman uses not one but five peaches in the play. He said: "My biggest idea was when the peach lands in the sea, having grown.

"How the hell do we make it bigger? That is when I came up with my own cheeky idea – for heaven's sake, let's blow up the forestage. And that's what we do. We're using inflatables and things."

Polka's James and the Giant Peach plays until August 14 and has been delighting early audiences.

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DOODY INTOWN

The legendary Bill Hicks hand-picked him as a support act when he was still as university and he has gone on to write for the likes of Joan Rivers, Lenny Henry and Dame Edna – now Nick Doody is bringing his comedy to Sutton.

Yorkshireman Doody, who was a finalist on Channel 4's So You Think You're Funny, headlines Laughing Coyote at Back Door at The Seacombe in Sutton on June 18.

Joining him on the bill is veteran comedian Adam Vincent, up-and-comer Ben Clover and host Dan Wright.

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Tickets cost £12 in advance or £14 during the weekend to allow visitors into as many gardens as they like. Alongside the open gardens, there is a programme of tours, walks, talks and cycle rides.

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It's little more than a year ago the nation was tippy toeing around what impact the outcome of the General Election would have on the property market and here we are again, as the EU Referendum on June 23 looms, wondering 'what if?'

This should come as no surprise as significant national events such as elections and, in this case, referendums bring with them a certain level of uncertainty. No-one can predict with absolute certainty what the outcome will be and polls shift from one day to the next. Indeed, no-one quite foresaw what the election last year would result in. However, for anyone considering the sale or purchase of a property, should the forthcoming vote be reason enough to feel jittery?

Any level of uncertainty affects confidence and given that for most, purchasing a property is the greatest expenditure they'll ever undertake, this is understandable. However, it is wise to not lose sight of the fact that the property market always has, and no doubt always will, go through cycles of slowdown and boom. Indeed, ahead of the vote on June 23rd the market is currently experiencing a slight slowdown in the market – but don't panic!

At times like this, commentary abounds from 'experts' who will tell

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you that one outcome will result in a positive way forward, whilst the opposite outcome will signal doom and gloom. At the exact same time, other 'experts' will tell you almost the polar opposite! So who do you believe?

Given that uncertainty affects confidence, a result which sees the UK remain in the EU is likely to mean that the market rebounds relatively quickly as the status quo is reinstated. However, that is not to say that a decision to leave the EU will ring the bells of doom and gloom for the property market.

Some commentators predict that in this scenario the market could take up to two years to regain its pre-Brexit status, whilst others focus on the resoluteness of the UK market and believe it won't take long at all to bounce back.

Whether purchasing a property as a home or purely as an investment, it is likely that you'll have a relatively medium to

long-term vision on any potential financial returns. In that respect perhaps the 'what ifs' at this moment in time present an opportunity: simply post-June 23rd the main question will be answered and at least most of the uncertainty will be dealt with. The speed with which the market starts to push forward again is impossible to predict but it almost certainly will. That means that now may in fact be a good time to invest and see that investment start to grow once the uncertainty passes.

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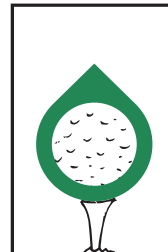
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Ks play the waiting game

ASSISTANT boss Graham Harper says Kingstonian are in no rush to fill the final two places in their squad for next season.

There have been no movements at Kingsmeadow since Billeric-

ay Town's Tom Derry signed last month and Harper, right, reckons it is a deliberate ploy.

"There are one or two spaces to fill, but we want to make sure we get the right people in," he said.



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Secret to Romberg success

NICOLA Romberg paid tribute to Kingston Royals Swimming Club this week after son Benny struck gold at the London Youth Games.

The 10-year-old Christ Church Primary School student, representing the Royal Borough of Kingston, won the open age group 50m backstroke at the Para Mini Swimming Championships at Crystal Palace last week.

Romberg, who took up the sport aged five, clocked 46.07 seconds – a new personal best for the distance – and his mum knows the secret to his success.

"Kingston have been very inclusive and have never treated Benny any different to his peers," she said.



"He has made great friends and the coaches are very supportive."

Royals head coach Damien Bryan added: "Benny, above, is an enthusiastic and dedicated swimmer who loves to race."

"We are really proud of Benny and his achievements, he has a great attitude and always does his best."

GROWING PRAISE: Olympics makes Surbiton up its game, set and match

Keeping up appearances

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SURBITON Racket & Fitness Club director Roy Staniland reckons the 2012 Olympics forced the club to up its game when it comes to hosting ATP Challenger Tour events.

The Berrylands club hosted their annual \$50,000 pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament last week dodging the showers to finish with finals day on Sunday.

Preparations for the event at the 20-court facility began 11 months prior to last week, with a full two weeks being devoted to building spectator stands – compared to a three-day build in the competition's first year.

"Since the London Olympics, there are a lot more

sporting events taking place," said Staniland, a director at the club for the past 30 years.

"We need to make sure we've got the right equipment, marquees and stands well ahead of time to ensure we have a good fan experience."

"I've seen a lot of changes at the club and a major upgrade of the facilities."

And former Davis Cup star Ross Hutchins says the club has retained its character despite the event's growth.

"The feel of the club is unique and the fans are close to the action," said Hutchins.

"The traditional feel of the club makes players feel like they are part of the history of tennis."

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Ready for Olympics

IT WAS job done for Nicola Groves as she converted an overnight lead into victory at the Sailing World Cup and she believes a tricky week of racing will stand her in great stead for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Groves and partner Ben Saxton took full advantage of stiff breezes at the Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy on Sunday to finish fifth in the Nacra 17 class medal race – worth double points – to take overall victory.

The pair will be making their Olympic debuts at the Rio Games and their performances suggest they will be right in the medal hunt.

The World Cup victory laid down a marker to their rivals but the 27-year-old, right, insists the pair won't be dwelling on their success for long.

"We went out with a pretty positive strategy because we knew we had been sailing well," she said.

"We went out and aimed to sail well because the beauty of getting such good results earlier in the week was that if we did that, we would win the regatta."

She added: "I think we did as much as we possibly can at this regatta in terms of



preparation for Rio.

"We said at the beginning of the week how important it was to work on our starts and we did that successfully."

"We've got a lot more to work on for sure, but it's going in the right direction."

"We're fine-tuning now – we felt ready before this regatta and now we're really ready. There's nothing big to work on, just fine-tuning."

The Sailing World Cup Weymouth and Portland was held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy from 6-12 June. The National Lottery-funded British Sailing Team is proudly supported by official partners Volvo Car UK, Zhik and Peters & May. Follow the team's latest news and updates at britishsailingteam.com or on Twitter @BritishSailing.

SPORTSbrief

CRICKET: Malden Wanderers' opener Will Sabey passed the 300-league-run mark with 60 in his fifth Surrey Championship Division One innings of the summer on Saturday, but he could not prevent his side from slipping to a three-wicket home defeat to Cranleigh. Sabey's efforts – with Bruno Broughton (6-59) wreaking havoc for the visitors – helped Wanderers post 215 all out, but it was not enough.

ATHLETICS: Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers' Pippa Wingate threw 57.97 metres to claim a South of England Championships women's hammer silver medal at Lee Valley on Saturday. Kingston's Chris Dack's 41.29m in the men's discus was only enough for fifth place.

ROWING: Surbiton's Moe Sbihi has earned a Team GB seat in the blue-ribboned men's four crew for the Rio Olympics later this year. The 28-year-old was in the men's eight boat that claimed a bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympics.

CRICKET: Abdul Aziz (5-16) starred as Kingstonian hit the top of the Surrey Championship Division Four table on Saturday. Aziz's exploits – from 15 overs – dismissed visitors Hampton Wick Royal for 150 as Ks successfully defended their 161 all out.

FOOTBALL: Kingstonian U18s host open trials for the new Ryman Youth League East Division season on June 20 and 27 at Chessington's Church Fields in Compton Crescent, starting at 6.30pm.

PARKRUN: Tom Jarvis won in Bushy Park on Saturday in 15 minutes 53 seconds.

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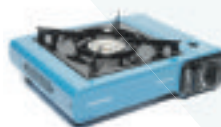
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